

## METHOD FOR AUTHORIZING LIMITED PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTION

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system are provided for distributing programming. A first set  
5 of program segments is transmitted according to a schedule of programming. A second set of  
program segments is stored on a server, with at least one of the first set of program segments  
having a counterpart in the second set of program segments. User authorizations to program  
segments on the server are maintained. Such user authorizations may include a record of the  
number of times a user has previously been given program control over a particular program  
10 segment from the server and a limit on the number of times the user is authorized to have  
program control over the particular program segment from the server. A request from the  
user for program control over the particular program segment is detected and a determination  
is made whether to grant program control over that program segment in accordance with the  
user authorizations.

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